

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of January 8, 2018**

Call to Order:

- President Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call:

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Cara Burnley, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: Josh Leach, Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Myers, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Jan Bowsher, Nila Cooper

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Nila Cooper appeared before the Board on behalf of the Pawnee School District. She wanted to let us know that they will be getting the school therapy dog in March. She stated that she started the program about a year ago. She researched and introduced the program to the School Board. Now today, she is trying to finance the program. She wanted to thank the Village Board for donating to the program. The Village donated the crate with toys and she and the kids are so excited. She advised that they will obtain the dog through a breeder here in Illinois. It is a white/cream golden retriever poodle mix which is hypo allergenic. The cancer rate is really reduced under the crane mix. The dog was born January 1, 2018 and she has been getting period photos. Auburn veterinarian Kristi McTaggart is donating the majority of the vets bills. Joe Blankenship is donating training. She will be the foster care parent of the dog. They are going to bring him up in a social setting for education purposes. She advised that here are so many things you can do with dogs and it is cutting edge in the state. She just wanted to say how appreciative she is of us. President Clarke provided her with names to possibly donate dog food. Trustee Burnley advised the Board that Nila dressed up the last day of school before Christmas break as the Grinch and how everyone loved it.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of December 11, 2017 tabled.
- Minutes of December 14, 2017 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve minutes of December 14, 2017 as presented
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner advised that the bills that were approved at the December 11, 2017 meeting totaled \$55,476.98
- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending January 8, 2018 in the amount of \$94,305.54
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$94,305.54 for the week ending January 8, 2018.
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

- Treasurer Thein presented the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending November 30, 2017.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Treasurer Thein's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending November 30, 2017.

Second made by Trustee Murphy

Roll Call Vote Taken: Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires

- Trustee Squires thanked Andy Lee and all the guys for the upkeep and maintenance of our water lines so we don't have all the water breaks everyone else is having.
- Trustee Squires advised that for the month of December 20, 102 red letters were mailed. There were 12 shut offs and 11 are back on.
- Trustee Squires advised that Andy Lee has a sign posted for bulk water advising users that starting in February, they will be required to bring their own hose. He advised that they will discuss rate increases when the new bulk water piping is installed. They checked into the prepay system and the upfront costs are very high. Also, we would be dependent on a 3rd party to make sure the system is working. Right now, Andy Lee is just making it easy for people to get water.

Streets, Alley and Sidewalk Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires

- Trustee Squires advised that they are planning to get the Christmas signs down on Thursday. He advised that Joe Greene has approved work by Ameren for the 13th street damages they caused during installation of their new power plant. Trustee Skinner asked if Frisina is on the schedule and Trustee Squires advised we are supposed to be the first on the schedule.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- Chief Bowsher submitted her Monthly Police Report. She thanked the Village for the building and advised they love it. She indicated that it may eventually need a bigger boiler and coil but it is working fine now.

Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve Chief Bowsher's Monthly Police Report.

Second made by Trustee Skinner

Roll Call Vote Taken: Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

- Chief Bowsher advised that Board that she would like to hire James Herzog as a part-time officer. He is currently an officer in Christian County. She indicated that Part-time Officer Brewer has asked for time off until April. A part-time officer is needed for the summer.

Motion made by Trustee Murphy to hire James Herzog as a part-time officer

Second made by Trustee Skinner

Roll Call Vote Taken: Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- President Clarke advised Trustee Thompson indicated everything is running fine

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No report.

Unfinished Business:

- President Clarke asked about the Ordinance relating to licensing of solid waste haulers. No motion made so ordinance is killed.
- President Clarke asked if we wanted to entertain the idea of getting an all village waste hauler. They would be here only 1 day per week. It would keep the garbage trucks off the streets and alleys. Trustee Burnley thinks we need to ask the residents. Divernon has an all village waste hauler and Trustee Squires thinks they are at \$15/mo and they require every address to have a trash. Allied wanted the Village to bill and collect whereas Flowers bills themselves. President Clarke would like to see only 1 garbage truck in town. Attorney Myers advised that Griggsville did this a few years ago. They solicited bids and had criteria the bidders had to meet. There was an uproar but in the end, everyone was happy. We advised we could have an advisory referendum at the next election. Attorney Myers will check into it. He advised it might be a good idea to put it on there to see if there would be opposition. Trustee Murphy asked if we didn't do this, could we have the same day for all trucks. President Clarke advised there would still be 3 trucks running up and down the same streets to get 1 or 2 houses. Trustee Burnley thinks it's at least worth checking out. Attorney Myers will send the Griggsville ordinance over for review.
- President Clarke asked if anyone wanted to go to the Mayor's prayer breakfast. They have a table reserved.

New Business:

- Treasurer Thein advised we now have a credit card/debit machine at the counter. The cost is passed onto the customer. She will add it to the sign. Trustee Squires asked if we could turn the bills over and put a statement on the bill advising? Treasurer Thein will call locust tomorrow and ask and if they can do it. If so, they will put it on the next billing.
- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to give Treasurer Kelly Thein a \$5/hr pay raise effective starting the next pay period
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Trustee Murphy asked about the stop sign request on 8th and Franklin. President Clarke advised that they needed to come to the meeting and the person requesting has not appeared before the Board.

Executive Session:

- **Exit Regular Session : 7:38pm**
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to exit regular meeting to go into executive session
Second made by Trustee Burnley
Roll Call Vote Taken: Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- **Enter Executive Session: 7:43pm**
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to enter executive to discuss personnel
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- **Exit Executive Session: 7:52pm**
Motion made by Trustee Burnley to exit executive
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

- **Re-enter Regular Session: 7:53 pm**

Motion made by Trustee Skinner

Second made by Trustee Murphy

Roll Call Vote Taken: Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to adjourn meeting.

Second made by Trustee Murphy

Roll Call Vote Taken: Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm on Monday, January 8, 2018. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin

Village Clerk